



# 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

Common Cause and the Common Cause Education Fund

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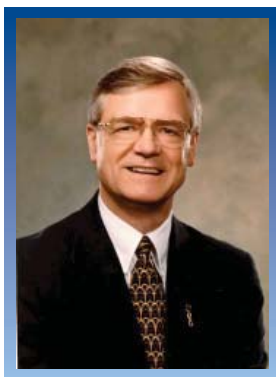
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*Campus Coordinators gathered  
at the January 2009 Democracy  
Matters Youth Summit*





*Bob Edgar*  
**President & CEO**

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Hanging framed in my office is the press release John Gardner issued when he launched Common Cause in August 1970, calling for “those Americans who want to help in the rebuilding of the nation.” To begin this rebuilding process, he says:

*“We believe there is a great urgency in ending the Vietnam War on a scheduled time table. We believe there must be a reordering of the national priorities. We believe the problem of poverty and race must be among our first concerns. We will call for new solutions in housing, employment, education, health, consumer protection, environment, family planning, law enforcement, and the administration of justice.”*

As we prepare for Common Cause’s 40th anniversary in 2010, I am struck by the relevance these words still have today as the nation faces similar urgent problems and the public calls for rebuilding and change. Back then, it was Vietnam, today, Iraq and Afghanistan. Today, we are faced with a deep economic crisis, an unaffordable health care system, climate change, energy dependence, more poverty, and failing schools.

When John Gardner founded Common Cause to advocate for the public interest, he knew that without work on core issues such as government transparency, public integrity, and campaign finance reforms to prevent the buying of access and influence of our elected officials, we as a nation would make little progress in many of the other critical areas of the day. The same remains true today.

More than ever, Common Cause is needed to do the important, difficult, and at times unpopular work Gardner envisioned for creating a better, more responsive and accountable government that puts first the public interest. Chief among those reforms for Common Cause today are changing from top to bottom the way we pay for political campaigns, government ethics, and election reforms. These issues remain the cornerstone of Common Cause’s agenda.

I became president of Common Cause in mid 2007, and am proud of the work we have done since. We successfully championed the creation of the first-ever independent congressional ethics office after years of scandal proved that Congress was not up to the task of policing itself, and a weary public was losing faith in its elected leaders. Connecticut joined the list of states – in addition to Maine and Arizona – that successfully implemented a voluntary system of public funding for state legislative races; and using momentum at the state level, Common Cause continues to push for reforming the presidential public finance system and enacting public funding, also known as “clean” or “fair elections” for congressional races. And in 2008, Common Cause played an important role in coordinated efforts across the country to ensure a national election that was decided at the polls as millions of new voters enthusiastically participated without the widespread systemic voting problems of recent years.

As we look toward our 40th year, Common Cause in Washington and in 36 state chapters will continue to work to ensure that all eligible voters are allowed to cast ballots, that those ballots are counted as cast, and that our voting equipment allows us to do accurate recounts and audits as needed. We will fight for citizen-funded campaigns that allow people of average means to run for office and bring diverse ideas to politics. We will fight to keep the Internet free and open. Working off a recent redistricting victory in California, we will push for other states, such as Florida, to create independent redistricting commissions to draw legislative district lines to make our elected officials more accountable and responsive.

As a former member of Congress, and a student of politics, I believe that we are living today in what history will view as a critical moment. With a reform president in the White House, we have an opportunity to enact changes badly needed in our society.

But I also recognize that change doesn’t come just from electing a new president, or a new Congress, or a new state legislature. Change comes only when inspired people stay sharply focused on working for change, and transferring their passions and energies from change candidates to change issues. Common Cause remains the vehicle to champion the crucial change issues of our day. We invite you to join us.

Bob Edgar, President and CEO  
Common Cause and Common Cause Education Fund

# PROTECTING THE VOTE IN 2008

It was not by accident that voters in the 2008 presidential election did not see the same level of widespread, systemic problems as in recent previous years. The occurrence of electronic voting machine failures and confusion about registration were isolated, due in large part to Common Cause's efforts before the election to encourage the media to report potential problems in advance of the election, mobilize and educate voters, and work with election officials to ensure that Election Day would go smoothly.

For the 2008 election, Common Cause greatly expanded its "protect the vote" efforts initiated in previous election cycles. We released three major studies that highlighted potential Election Day voting problems and provided an analytical frame for local and national media. Our national media campaign identified the most likely Election Day problems, positioning us to successfully help counteract allegations that registration of ineligible voters would be a significant issue.

Common Cause also ran on-the-ground protect the vote programs in Florida, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Colorado, and New Mexico, while engaging student chapters of Democracy Matters in 10 states. We combated deceptive practices in Virginia and Pennsylvania and did election protection work across New York, California, Minnesota, Tennessee and Georgia. Below are some brief highlights:

- ★ In Colorado, we fought through the courts to successfully re-enfranchise 44,000 voters who had been illegally purged from the rolls in the weeks preceding the election.
- ★ In Florida, we set up phone banks and reached out to 12,000 voters who were purged from state voter rolls due to the burdensome registration requirements of the "no match/no vote" law.
- ★ In Virginia, we uncovered an effort to deceive minority Democrats into voting on the wrong day. We responded rapidly the weekend prior to Election Day by recruiting actor/activist Danny Glover to tape a phone message alerting voters in more than 325,000 homes across Virginia and Pennsylvania about this misinformation campaign, and urging them to vote on Nov. 4.
- ★ In North Carolina, we launched one of the largest non-partisan voter engagement canvasses ever conducted in the state and provided voter education materials to more than 12,000 residents in three of the state's major urban centers.
- ★ In Pennsylvania, we protected rural, urban, and student voters by building, training, and deploying a large team of poll monitors.
- ★ In Georgia, we launched a phone and mail outreach campaign that provided critical support to 15,000 voters most vulnerable to disenfranchisement in the face of that state's strict voter ID requirements.
- ★ In the six key swing states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, Florida, North Carolina and Colorado, we enlisted thousands of students across 27 campuses in a successful effort to motivate young voters and disseminate critical voter rights information.



*Reporters and political pundits have made much of the fact that the events of the 2008 presidential election did not echo those of the 2000 and 2004 elections.*



*North Carolina resident David Wilson agrees to register and vote for the first time after talking with Fayetteville State University student Jared Harris. Mr. Wilson was grateful to be taken to the polls. Harris said the experience gave him the feeling "of making a big difference in this historic election."*

## MONEY IN POLITICS

Common Cause is among the leading organizations working to end the pay-to-play political culture and change the way campaigns are funded across the country by enacting systems of full public financing. Our major objectives are to: promote, defend and strengthen public funding, or "Clean Elections" reforms at the federal, state and local levels; frame Clean Elections as the solution to the current pay-to-play culture in Washington, DC and in many state capitals; lead the policymaking effort for a new model of public financing that amplifies the voices of small donors and builds early support for the reform; and build Common Cause's capacity to lead coalition campaigns on multiple fronts, expand our grassroots base, and develop new reform leaders.

Thanks in part to our national efforts the issue gained widespread media support last year:

"Public financing encourages good governance as well as competition. Government is cleaner when lawmakers are not beholden to special interests and are free to spend their energy meeting the needs of the people who matter — those who elected them." —***New York Times*, August 6, 2008**

Common Cause also had several recent successes at the regional level. Below is a selection of highlights from the states:

- In New Mexico, both Santa Fe and Albuquerque have public financing programs, along with statewide judicial and public regulatory commission candidates.
- North Carolina passed a Clean Elections pilot project for several statewide offices. Common Cause North Carolina is focusing on Raleigh, Cary, Greensboro, Wilmington, Charlotte, Greenville, and Asheville.
- In Connecticut, Common Cause's efforts to educate candidates, activists, and the general public about the state's new voluntary system of public financing for state legislative campaigns resulted in nearly 75 percent of candidates opting into the new system. Those candidates did well: 81 percent of the winners, now serving in the state legislature, ran for office without taking a dime from special interests.

## ETHICS

In March 2008, the House of Representatives passed a monumentally important resolution to create an independent, bipartisan panel to review and investigate possible ethics violations by House members. Common Cause led the charge to create this first ever independent office, which is comprised of a six-member panel of non-lawmakers and has the power to initiate and conduct ethics investigations and issue reports and recommendations to the House Ethics Committee.

"The House finally firmly responded to the message the American public sent in the last election," said Bob Edgar. "This kind of independent body has a long track record of success at the state level. If House members make a good faith effort to let it work, the Office of Congressional Ethics will be a tremendous improvement to the current system."

For years, Common Cause has advocated for an independent body in Congress to help enforce ethics rules modeled on the independent commissions that exist in many state legislatures. Common Cause worked closely with both political parties to shape the changes in the ethics rules and enforcement procedures made in response to recent pay-to-play scandals in Congress.

***Common Cause led the charge to create the first ever independent office to oversee House ethics.***



*Common Cause received a letter from Congressman Michael Capuano, who chaired the Ethics Task Force, commending our efforts creating the Office of Congressional Ethics*

# MEDIA REFORM

The year 2008 was a year of many media reform accomplishments for Common Cause, and for much momentum building.

In August, Common Cause went to the Democratic National Convention to educate incoming members of Congress, state legislators, the press and of course our members with ideas and solutions on improving the media's role in democracy. Our report, "Media and Democracy in America Today: A Reform Plan for a New Administration," included proposals on:

- Federal Communications Commission Reforms to the DTV Transition;
- Media Ownership;
- Public Interest Obligations;
- Public Access TV;
- Low Power FM;
- Net Neutrality; and
- Municipal Broadband



*FCC Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein and Bob Edgar at the media symposium in Denver*

In March, we organized an event in Pasadena, CA titled "Media, Democracy and Justice – A Southern California Regional Summit."

This event served several purposes, including uniting many people and organizations in a way they hadn't been previously. We have kept the group together after the event with the creation of a California Media Justice Coalition that keeps communication flowing.



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The summit also created greater communication and understanding among people who come to media reform issues from different perspectives. There was interaction between social justice groups and academics, net neutrality supporters and minority journalists, activists, and elected officials. And of course, public education is a major function of this event. There was considerable outreach to the Los Angeles community via grassroots efforts and the media to let people know about the summit, educate them on the issues in advance, and encourage attendance. The 2009 summit, titled "Local Media for Social Change" was held in March in Los Angeles and was even stronger than the 2008 event. On top of these events and activities at the state level, Common Cause's blog at [www.commonblog.com](http://www.commonblog.com) has been a tool to address many diverse issues of media reform. This remains a regular tool for outreach and framing of our overall media reform agenda.

As the year closed, the Media and Democracy Coalition, launched by the Common Cause Education Fund in 2004, prepared to transition to its new status as a vibrant and independent 501(c)(3) organization.



## PARTNERSHIP WITH DEMOCRACY MATTERS

Established in 2001, Democracy Matters has worked on 76 college campuses in 22 states, providing students with firsthand experience as citizen activists and mentoring young leaders in the work of strengthening our democracy.

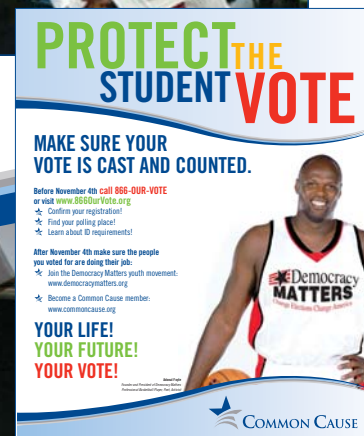
Over the past few years, Common Cause and Democracy Matters have worked together in a number of states. Democracy Matters students from Massachusetts to California have also been integral to our election protection work - registering, protecting, mobilizing, and getting out the student vote in the historic presidential election.

These examples highlight the strength and dedication of our student network:

- Some 15 campuses had students working as poll monitors, including at Penn State University, where Democracy Matters recruited students from several campuses to attend poll monitor training conducted by Common Cause Pennsylvania. Student poll workers learned how to deal with issues that typically come up for young voters, such as absentee ballots and ID requirements for out-of-state students.
- Six Democracy Matters chapters worked on a video designed to help students navigate the voting process, which was shown 250 times prior to Election Day. Chapters organized a wide range of campus events to encourage students to vote and make sure they knew about calling the Election Protection hotline for information or troubleshooting.
- Democracy Matters student coordinators handed out nearly 30,000 candidate issue guides, helped register more than 13,000 people to vote, and held 210 voter education events.

***“I founded Democracy Matters to give students a voice in the growing movement on campaign finance reform. I believe for this movement to be successful we need the creativity, enthusiasm, and presence of students.”***

— Adonal Foyle, founder & president, Democracy Matters





# PARTNERSHIP WITH BEN & JERRY'S

Common Cause was pleased to partner with Ben & Jerry's to celebrate the inauguration of President Obama and America's opportunity for change. Ben & Jerry's renamed its butter pecan flavor "Yes Pecan!" for the month of January and donated the associated scoop-shop proceeds to the Common Cause Education Fund.

"We want to be proactive in encouraging all of us to engage in the process of getting America back on track. It's a good time and a fitting way for us to honor that change," said Ben & Jerry's Chief Euphoria Officer, Walt Freese. "Common Cause is excited to work with Ben & Jerry's to spread a spirit of activism and optimism that we believe can make our government work for the common good as it tackles the big issues of the day," said Common Cause President, Bob Edgar. "An engaged citizenry is crucial for a healthy democracy."

Perhaps the most successful component of the partnership was a matching grant through Facebook. For every new member to Common Cause's Facebook group, Ben & Jerry's committed to donate an additional \$1, up to \$10,000. We urged our members to invite their friends and family to join, and as a result of their enthusiastic support, we surpassed this number in only four days, and went on to recruit more than 14,000 more for a total of more than 24,000 new members on Common Cause's Facebook group.

The success of the "Yes Pecan!" promotion in raising the visibility of Common Cause has encouraged us to explore similar opportunities with other partners. We have enhanced our online social networking presence and as a result have been able to reach out to more people and encourage our supporters to take action on behalf of our mission via the Internet. We have launched a new website that is more navigable and user-friendly, and begun an online petition through Facebook to "demand answers from bailed out banks" which received nearly 80,000 signatures in two weeks.



***"We partnered with Common Cause because we feel it is everyone's duty to step up to the plate to help make a fundamental change for the good of our country,"***

# STATE HIGHLIGHTS

## California

In November, California Common Cause led a broad coalition of more than 1,700 individuals and organizations to pass a ballot measure establishing the nation's strongest independent redistricting commission. This hard-fought victory came on the heels of five previous defeats for redistricting reform on the California ballot and received support from every major newspaper, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger (R), former Gov. Gray Davis (D) and groups ranging from the ACLU to the NAACP to AARP. Proposition 11 requires a balanced 14-member commission to draw legislative districts that prioritize compliance with the Voting Rights Act, preserve communities of interest, and are now drawn to favor individual incumbents.

Common Cause also helped win a legislative referral of a full public financing pilot program to the June 2010 ballot. If passed by voters, the measure will allow future candidates for secretary of state to run competitive campaigns that are not financed by large donors.

California Common Cause also led a coalition of California groups managing an election protection hotline, which took over 1,000 calls, and helped protect voters' ballots from being purged.

## Colorado

With support from the Media & Democracy Coalition, Common Cause Colorado launched a media reform program, and organized a media symposium during the Democratic National Convention held in Denver in August. Featuring special guest Dan Rather, it attracted widespread national and local media attention.

Through the "Just Vote Colorado" program, Common Cause recruited and trained over 300 volunteers, ran an Election Day call center, expanded its organizational reach to hundreds of partners inside and outside of the Denver area, talked directly to voters, and helped provide opportunities for them to be heard. These initiatives helped voters around the state get basic information about how to vote. As lead plaintiffs in a lawsuit, Common Cause forced the Colorado secretary of state to re-instate more than 44,000 voters purged illegally from the registration rolls.

## Connecticut

Connecticut Common Cause helped pass Connecticut's sweeping public financing program for all state races in 2005. Common Cause promoted the Citizens' Election Program (CEP) by holding dozens of educational forums around the state to educate underrepresented constituencies about the new program. Common Cause launched an information website and prepared a series of factsheets in English and Spanish to help organizations and candidates understand the ins and outs of the new program. Those efforts helped the program see groundbreaking participation in its first year. About 75 percent of all candidates who ran for the General Assembly ran under the public financing system, and a record number of women ran for office in 2008. The number of contested primaries doubled, and now 81 percent of newly elected legislators are taking office without any obligations to special interest donors.

## Florida

Common Cause Florida is working on a campaign to reform the Florida reapportionment process. The organization and its allies have collected the required number of signatures (about 61,000) to trigger state Supreme Court review, and the Court has recently approved the two measures for the 2010 ballot, if supporters collect nearly 677,000 signatures for each. The amendments would create fair standards for legislative and Congressional districts by prohibiting apportionment plans from favoring any party or incumbent or denying equal opportunity for racial or language minorities. In addition, districts would be required to follow existing political and geographic boundaries when feasible. Coalition partners include the League of Women Voters of Florida, Florida PIRG, Florida Consumer Action Network, Space Coast Progressive Alliance, Fair Districts Florida, the 501 C3 Round Table and the Sierra Club.

## Georgia

Common Cause Georgia ran an election protection campaign in October, contacting over 16,000 registered voters in rural areas potentially at risk of not being eligible to vote because their names could not be matched in the state's driver's license database. This campaign was funded through, and coordinated with Common Cause national's overall efforts for election protection.

## Hawaii

Common Cause Hawaii worked with a coalition to win passage of a public financing program for local elections on the Big Island in Hawaii. Candidates will qualify for the program by raising \$5 contributions and then be restricted from using private funds.

## Maine

Common Cause Maine led an effort to educate voters in Maine about voting rights and responsibilities prior to the election. Common Cause Maine partnered with the League of Women Voters, League of Young Voters, NAACP, and Maine Civil Liberties Union on this effort. Common Cause Maine also worked to win passage of the National Popular Vote bill through the Maine Senate.

## Maryland

In Maryland, Common Cause successfully championed the Maryland Accountability and Transparency Act, which created a citizen-friendly website that opened up all aspects of state spending to the public. Common Cause also helped pass a referendum that authorized early voting in Maryland.

## Massachusetts

Common Cause Massachusetts championed election reform, winning passage of a National Popular Vote bill in both chambers of the legislature, while the Senate approved Election Day registration. In addition, the governor appointed Common Cause's executive director to a task force on public integrity that drafted tough ethics and lobbying reform legislation in response to a series of pay-to-play scandals. The legislation was later approved by the legislature and signed into law. Common Cause Massachusetts also led efforts to bring more sunshine to government affairs by auditing municipal websites and promoting reforms to the state open meeting and public records laws. Its sought-after e-government award was responsible for tripling the number of cities and towns posting important information about local government on the Internet.

## Minnesota

In Minnesota, Common Cause launched a nonpartisan coalition to watchdog the recount of the 2008 Senate race between then-Sen. Norm Coleman and challenger, and now Sen. Al Franken. Common Cause worked in partnership with the League of Women Voters and Minnesota Citizens for Voting Integrity to recruit monitors to oversee the counting of ballots throughout the state. This helped ensure that the process was open and transparent, thus creating public confidence in the system.

The bright spotlight of the Minnesota recount allowed Common Cause to further examine the election process and identify areas that need reform. Common Cause released a report outlining four recommendations – early voting, automatic registration, no excuse mail voting and moving up the primary. These reforms are currently moving through the legislature and have a good chance of passing.

## New Mexico

Common Cause New Mexico played a leading role in winning municipal public financing in Santa Fe, the state capital. The effort follows a successful victory in 2007 to establish a similar program in Albuquerque. Common Cause had a seat on Governor Richardson's recent reform task force, and working with the Center for Civic Policy, Common Cause has launched a long-term coalition campaign for Clean Elections for all legislative and statewide elections.

## New York

Common Cause New York led the fight to bring verifiable paper ballot voting systems to New York despite the intense lobbying efforts of vendors who wanted the state to purchase much more expensive, unverifiable, touch screen voting machines that can't be audited and pose significant security risks. Common Cause was also a leading voice in debate in New York City regarding City Council modification of a voter-adopted term limits law.

In addition, Common Cause New York used the occasion of its signature "I Love An Ethical New York" award dinner in 2008 to honor Theodore Sorensen with the John Gardner Lifetime Achievement Award and Nancy Lublin of Do Something! with the Andrew Heiskell Youth Democracy in Action Award.

Bill Moyers, journalist and colleague of Mr. Sorensen during the administrations of John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson, emceed the event, which took place at the University Club in Manhattan, and folksinger Peter Yarrow led the crowd in song.

## Pennsylvania

In Pennsylvania, Common Cause helped push through a major overhaul of the state's open records laws, moving Pennsylvania from among the bottom three states in the nation to the top half of states providing citizens access to public records. Early in 2008, Common Cause opened an office in Philadelphia and is working to do the same in Pittsburgh. In addition to providing vastly expanded voter protection services throughout Pennsylvania, Common Cause Pennsylvania convened the first ever statewide meeting of election reform and voter advocacy organizations, packing the event with over 80 people from 40 organizations, including the Department of State's entire senior staff who have election responsibilities.

## Wisconsin

In 2008, Common Cause Wisconsin helped champion an administrative rule requiring the disclosure of donors and regulation of the funding of outside groups engaged in electioneering through the utilization of campaign communications masquerading as issue advocacy. This is a big problem in Wisconsin with \$4 million in undisclosed and unregulated phony issue ads being run in the past two state Supreme Court elections alone. The approval of this rule by the Legislature closed the single largest loophole in Wisconsin's campaign finance law and is a major success for Common Cause Wisconsin which first proposed the reform measure in 1997 and has since led the efforts to achieve it.



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# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Independent Auditor's Report on the Consolidated Financial Statements

To the Members and Governing Board  
Common Cause & Affiliate

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position of Common Cause & Affiliate (the Organization) as of June 30, 2008 and 2007, and the related consolidated statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion. In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Common Cause & Affiliate as of June 30, 2008 and 2007, and the changes in their net assets and their cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Tate & Tryon*

Washington, DC  
October 6, 2008



# REVENUES & EXPENSES

## Common Cause & Common Cause Education Fund Consolidating Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2008

ASSETS	COMMON CAUSE	EDUCATION FUND	ELIMINATION	TOTAL
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,543	\$ 1,273,616	\$ -	\$ 1,276,159
Investments	1,331,085	36,771		1,367,856
Accounts and other receivables	236,702	1,179,704		1,416,406
Due from affiliate	1,107,324		(1,107,324)	-
Prepaid expenses	288,814	5,647		294,461
Property and equipment	100,088			100,088
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,066,556</b>	<b>\$ 2,495,738</b>	<b>\$ (1,107,324)</b>	<b>\$ 4,454,970</b>
<b>Liabilities and net assets</b>				
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 570,822	\$ 69,317	\$ -	\$ 640,139
Due to affiliate		1,107,324	(1,107,324)	-
Deferred rent	460,832			460,832
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,031,654</b>	<b>1,176,641</b>	<b>(1,107,324)</b>	<b>1,100,971</b>
<b>Net assets</b>				
<b>Unrestricted</b>				
Undesignated	391,598	(732,422)		(340,824)
Board designated	907,557			907,557
Temporarily restricted	735,747	2,051,519		2,787,266
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>2,034,902</b>	<b>1,319,097</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,353,999</b>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>3,066,556</b>	<b>\$ 2,495,738</b>	<b>\$ (1,107,324)</b>	<b>\$ 4,454,970</b>

# REVENUES & EXPENSES

## Common Cause & Common Cause Education Fund Consolidating Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Unrestricted Activities			Temporarily Restricted Activities			
	COMMON CAUSE	EDUCATION FUND	TOTAL	COMMON CAUSE	EDUCATION FUND	TOTAL	TOTAL
<b>Revenue and support</b>							
Contributions	\$ 5,262,593	\$ 2,050,654	\$ 7,313,247	\$ 571,846	\$ 2,215,664	\$ 2,787,510	\$ 10,100,757
Bequests	654,491	30,000	684,491			-	684,491
Rental income	113,081		113,081			-	113,081
List rentals and other income	90,813	6,848	97,661			-	97,661
Investment income	(8,911)	53,065	44,154	(32,850)		(32,850)	11,304
Net assets released from restriction	258,354	1,747,372	2,005,726	(258,354)	(1,747,372)	(2,005,726)	-
<b>Total revenue and support</b>	<b>6,370,421</b>	<b>3,887,939</b>	<b>10,258,360</b>	<b>280,642</b>	<b>468,292</b>	<b>748,934</b>	<b>11,007,294</b>
<b>Expense</b>							
Program services							
Program operations, lobbying and communications	4,073,418		4,073,418			-	4,073,418
Educational activities		2,870,318	2,870,318			-	2,870,318
Program development and management	814,658		814,658	-	-	-	2,870,318
<b>Total program services</b>	<b>4,888,076</b>	<b>2,870,318</b>	<b>7,758,394</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,758,394</b>
<b>Supporting services</b>							
Fund raising, including new member acquisitions	1,823,214	158,800	1,982,014			-	1,982,014
General and administration	952,574	152,573	1,105,147			-	1,105,147
<b>Total supporting services</b>	<b>2,775,788</b>	<b>311,373</b>	<b>3,087,161</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,087,161</b>
<b>Total expense</b>	<b>7,663,864</b>	<b>3,181,691</b>	<b>10,845,555</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,845,555</b>
<b>Change in net assets</b>	<b>(1,293,443)</b>	<b>706,248</b>	<b>(587,195)</b>	<b>280,642</b>	<b>468,292</b>	<b>748,934</b>	<b>161,739</b>
Net assets, July 1, 2007	2,592,598	(1,438,670)	1,153,928	455,105	1,583,227	2,038,332	3,192,260
<b>Net assets, June 30, 2008</b>	<b>\$ 1,299,155</b>	<b>\$ (732,422)</b>	<b>\$ 566,733</b>	<b>\$ 735,747</b>	<b>\$ 2,051,519</b>	<b>\$ 2,787,266</b>	<b>\$ 3,353,999</b>

